(*b*) whether he has equally examined the question as to whether it is not necessary that Legislative Council Members should be free of embarrassment and surveillance while touring in their own constituencies to carry on duties as representatives of their electorate ; and

(*c*) what instructions he proposes to issue or has issued in these matters?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware that there is any shadowing, embarrassment or surveillance such as is referred to in the question. If the hon. Member will adduce definite instances, the Government will then be able to examine the question.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Government have issued instructions to the Police that Members of the Legislative Council need not be shadowed, or embarrassed or subjected to surveillance ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No instructions have been issued."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if they are prepared to issue such instructions ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no necessity for issuing such instructions."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I ask if the Government will be pleased to issue instructions that the Police should make a reference to the Government before they shadow Members of Legislative Councils ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no necessity for issuing such instructions "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what is the shadowing or embarrassment or surveillance to which Members of Legislative Councils are subject, which is not referred to in the question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The hon. Member must be able to give me information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—' The answer says :—' There is no shadowing, embarrassment or surveillance such as is referred to in the question.' I want to know definitely from the Government whether there is any shadowing, embarrassment or some other thing which is not referred to in the question and if so, what they are ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no information so far as we are concerned."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether head constables when they act as station-house officers have the power of sanctioning shadowing of Members of Legislative Councils ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It must be ordered by the Superintendent of Police."

Arrest of Mr. Manoranjan Gupta at Bezwada.

*280 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the offence was for which Manoranjan Gupta, who was arrested by the Madras Police on the 12th March at Bezwada, was charged

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(*b*) where he was tried; and
(*c*) how the case ended?

A.—(*a*) He was arrested under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code.
(*b*) He was released on bail by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Bezwada, and remained under bail until the proceedings against him were dropped.
(*c*) The proceedings were dropped and the bail bond cancelled.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask what is the crime under section 151 which Mr. Gupta committed and whether the information given to the Magistrate was given by our Police or by the police of neighbouring province?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Police had reasons to believe that Mr. Gupta is likely to commit some cognizable offence under section 151."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether at the instance of the Calcutta Police Mr. Gupta was arrested and whether there was any mistake in the identity of the person?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He was arrested at the instance of the Police of this Province."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Why was he released then without any proceedings being taken against him?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" They wanted to proceed against him; but they had not strong materials."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Why was a respectable man arrested and detained without sufficient grounds? Is our liberty under the King-Emperor come to this position?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know the offence that was attempted to be committed for his being arrested under section 151?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Hon. Members know that that was the time when the Simon Commission was passing through Bezwada."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Was any offence committed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" From the information we had it was suspected that Mr. Gupta was about to commit an offence."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" What was the offence that was committed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered the question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if Mr. Gupta was at Bezwada on private business?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Did the Government make any enquiries in the matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" What kind of enquiry did they make ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " We received a report from the Police Department."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Government propose to take any steps to punish their police for committing such mistakes, to compensate this gentleman who was put to a long term of imprisonment and pin-pricks by the Government starting a case which they knew must fail ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Was a mistake committed by arresting a wrong person ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" How many adjournments were taken by the Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I ask for what period this case was pending against him ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" For about three months."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether, during these three months, the Police took care to find out if any real crime was committed by Mr. Gupta ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Police tried to cook evidence against this gentleman and gave it up afterwards as hopeless ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Suppression of bucket shops in the City of Madras.

* 281 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the alarming rise in the number of bucket shops in the City of Madras ;

(b) whether he proposes to take any steps to control or abolish the same, pending the passing of the Bill on the subject ;